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FILE

As news came in during afternoon and evening October 27 of Moscow proposals on settlement Cuban situation, matter followed locally with great interest. Diplomatic reception for Shah followed by Gursel dinner offered occasion twice in same evening to be with all top government officials. Essentially it was situation to large degree of passing on information as received via VOA.

In various conversations I had with President, Prime Minister, Presidents of Senate and House, Foreign Minister, Chief of Staff and others, following reactions stood out:

1. Nobody liked the idea of Turkey being linked with Cuba. News that USG not doing so greeted with evident satisfaction.
2. There was general acceptance of NATO concept as being fundamental to Turkish position and expression of interest in what being done in NATO senrl*.
3. There was complete unanimity in supporting line USG had followed. Suggestion made publicly in Washington that measures taken

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taken so far might not be sufficient and others possibly needed accepted as matter of course.

4. Foreign Minister privately said he assumed US would do nothing which concerned Turkey without consultation. This morning when Shah visited CENTO I spoke to Foreign Office Deputy Secretary General who seized particularly and approvingly on facts that:

(1) Content first and second notes being kept separate and Cuban situation handled as independent issue; and

(2) Second note being treated on terms of NATO and NATO members.

Both on evening of October 27 and again this morning I had opportunity discuss situation privately with Shah who was most interested and seemed reassured over course events taking.

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